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**SENTENCING IN SOLICITATION TO MURDER
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY POLICE OFFICER**

Greenbelt, Maryland - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced today that Pamela Denise Frye, age 39, of Capitol Heights, Maryland, was sentenced yesterday by Judge Deborah K. Chasanow to serve 88 months in prison followed by 3 years of supervised release for solicitation to commit murder of a police officer.

Evidence presented during the three day trial established that Ms. Frye knowingly aided and abetted her imprisoned boyfriend's attempt to arrange for the murder of a Prince George's County police officer. The officer, who primarily conducts undercover narcotics investigations, had recently arrested Frye's boyfriend for federal narcotics and firearms offenses. The Federal Bureau of Investigation's "Safe Streets" Task Force obtained information that Frye's boyfriend was seeking to kill the officer. Frye placed numerous three-way telephone calls connecting her boyfriend and her to an undercover officer posing as a hit man and met with the "hit man." The boyfriend's trial is currently set for July 21, 2003.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Drug Enforcement Administration and Prince George's County Police Department, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys James Trusty and Donna Sanger.